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SUBJECT.

Re Claim of the Archak of the Sannidhi of the Bangalore Sandiyam temple for First Thirtha

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THE SRINIVASA MANDIRAM AND CHARITIES.

(ESTABLISHED IN 1888.)

Objects of the Institution.

1. *The Mandiram.*—The diffusion of theosophical ideas and the comparative study of Religion and Theology. The aim being, to know God in His true character, His nature and attributes, and His relation to Man and the Universe, etc.

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Bangalore City,

Bangalore, 12th January 1901.

To

A. Srinivasa Charlu, Esqr., B.A.,
Mirziwai Secretary to the
Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of my application dated 18th July 1900 and D.O. letters dated 15th October 1900 and 18th January 1901 respectively Re the question of Theertha distribution, I beg to say that an important matter which I should have brought to your notice long ago, did not unfortunately strike me till now, and the same I now hasten to bring to your notice.

2. When the Mandiram was consecrated in June 1888, there were three parties ranged against me to interdict the Consecration Ceremonies then in progress. These were His Holiness the Parakala Swami; a disciple of the Parakala matt by name one Krishnamachar; and the Archack himself joining them as well All these three urged everything that was possible for them to shut up the

Mandiram

Mandiram altogether. However, the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, then held an exhaustive enquiry and among other matters, the following remarks I quote hereunder for immediate reference and decision from the Deputy Commissioner's Proc, No. 173 dated 27th June 1888, to show that the Archaka has no kind of right or claim for Theertha when such was not allowed even to Sri Parakala Swami and the above said Krishnama Char who posed as an Acharya Purusha of the Mandiram (Temple):—

Proceedings of the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.
No. 173 dated 27th June 1888.

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So any sane man with a grain of sense must have known that the Temple was to be consecrated according to the "Tengalai rights".

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"In Conclusion I am of opinion that if the whole circumstances had been properly represented to the Parakala Swami, he would not have pressed the matter."

Sd/ A. H. Macintire
Deputy Commissioner.

3. From the foregoing circumstances, it will be clearly observed now that Mr Archaka is purposely bent on creating mischief and row in a place where peace, harmony, faith and God should rule. He never urged any claim for Theerthan then (1885.) Again he never made any such request for the last 13 years, and probably he is now instigated by some to create some disturbance. As far as my humble knowledge goes, I am certain that no Archaka receives any first Theerthan in the Congregation or that is religiously called Alwar Goshti, in any sacred place.

4. Under these circumstances, I earnestly request you to issue the necessary orders immediately, so that this year's April session (Utsavam) may not become a past history.

I beg leave to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
A. Govindacharlu.

No 760
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Dy 12th Jany 1901

Endorsement.

With reference to his petition dated 12th January 1901 praying for early orders in regard to the claim of the Archak in the Srinivasa Mandiram for first Thirtha ~~to~~ A. Gopalachariar of the Srinivasa Mandiram Charities, Bangalore is informed that he should, in the first instance apply to the Taluk Sheristadar in the matter as the local Inzrai officer, then to the Collector of the district and lastly to Govt in case he is not satisfied with the orders of the local officers.

By order
Asst Secretary

To,
Rev Gopalachariar,
Srinivasa Mandiram
Charities, Bangalore.